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HISTORICAL INVENTORY

COUNTY: York

CLASS : Site (School)

--- SCHOOL HOUSE SITE ---

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1. SUBJECT:

School House Site.

2. LOCATION:

About a half a mile from the Messick Post office, Messick, Virginia, on the main highway in York County.

3. DATE:

About 1850.

4. OWNERS:

5. DESCRIPTION:

The old school house now gone was built about 1860. It was a long building, built of boards and was not ceiled. It had one room and in this room two grades (classes) were held. There were six windows and two doors. Inside were two iron , a long slanted writing desk and a writing bench, which were home-made against the wall. The bench had no back rest. In the middle of the floor were benches for the children to sit on made of wide planks with a plank across the back about one-foot wide for a back rest; the teacher had a home-made desk and bench.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This building and lot was later bought by Mr. and Mrs. George Huggett, torn down and built into a home.

7. ART:

8. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

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